

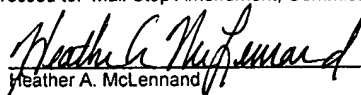


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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- Information Disclosure Statement
- PTO Form 1449 with cited references
- International Search Report from International Application No. PCT/US2004/009605
- Copies of the 19 Foreign Patent Documents cited on Form PTO 1449
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits in the above-identified case.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

Search Reports and Written Opinion from International Application No. PCT/US04/009605

Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search report and written opinion dated January 3, 2005, from International Application No. PCT/US04/009605 (International Filing Date 29 March 2004)

Office Action from European Application No. 04 758 553.4

Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed communication from the European Patent Office dated June 22, 2006, from European Application No. 04 758 553.4.

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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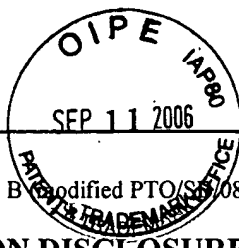
Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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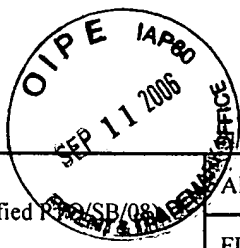
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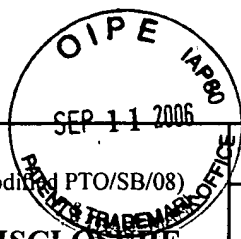
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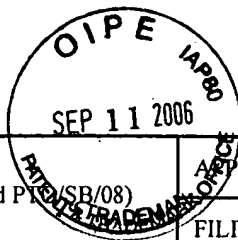
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